UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ENVIRORMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION VII REGIONAL HEARING CLERK

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF)
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEBRASKA, INC.) Docket No. CAA-07-2003-0065
) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Respondent) AND FINAL ORDER

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This proceeding for the assessment of civil penalties was initiated pursuant to Section 113(d) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(d), when Complainant issued to Respondent a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

The Complaint served as notice that Complainant had reason to believe that Respondent had violated the Section 111 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7411 and certain regulations at 40 C.F.R., Part 60, Subpart WWW, and as notice of Complainant's intent to issue an order assessing penalties for such violations. A proposed civil penalty was set forth in the Complaint for such violations.

The parties entered into negotiations in an attempt to resolve the allegations of the Complaint; the Consent Agreement set forth below is the result of such negotiations with Respondent.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

- For purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations of the Complaint, including Count 1.
- 2. Respondent hereby explicitly waives its right to contest the factual allegations and to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
- 3. For purposes of this proceeding only, Respondent consents to the issuance of the Order set forth below and consents to the payment of a civil penalty in the amount hereinafter recited.
- 4. Failure to timely pay any portion of the civil penalty assessed will result in commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the full amount due, costs, penalties, and accumulated interest at the rate of 2% per annum pursuant to Section 113(d)(5) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. 7413(d)(5).
- 5. No portion of any civil penalty, interest or penalties paid by Respondent pursuant to the requirements of this Consent Agreement and Final Order shall be claimed by Respondent as deductions for federal, state, or local income tax purposes.
- 6. Nothing contained in this Order shall alter or otherwise affect Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental statutes and regulations and applicable permits.
- 7. Each signatory of this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

FINAL ORDER

- 1. Respondent shall pay a mitigated civil penalty of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$9,999) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order.
- 2. Payment shall be by cashier's or certified check, made payable to the United States Treasury, shall bear the docket number for this matter, and shall be mailed to:

EPA - Region VII Regional Hearing Clerk P.O. Box 360748M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251

3. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorneys' fees in connection with this action.

COMPLAINANT: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Henry F. Rompage

Office of Regional Counsel

EPA, Region VII

Date: 7 - 1 - 03

In the Matter of Waste Management of Nebraska, Inc. Docket No. CAA-07-2003-0065

RESPONDENT: WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEBRASKA, INC By:
David P. Steiner
Title: Vice President and Secretary
Date: <u>6/27/2003</u>

IT IS SO ORDERED. This Order shall become effective immediately.

Karina Borromeo
Regional Judicial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency--Region VII

July 1, 2003

IN THE MATTER OF Waste Management of Nebraska, Inc., Respondent Docket No. CAA-07-2003-0065

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

l certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to Attorney for Complainant:

Henry F. Rompage Senior Assistant Regional Counsel Region VII United States Environmental Protection Agency 901 N. 5th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

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David P. Steiner Waste Management of Nebraska 14320 N. 216th Street Bennington, Nebraska 68007

Dated:

Kathy Robinson

Regional Hearing Clerk